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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Kentucky, 2007
M.S. Economics, University of Kentucky, 2004
B.S. Business Management, Pensacola Christian College, 1999

HONORS

SFA URC Committee, Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year, 2017
Dept. of Economics and Finance, Teaching Innovation Nomination, 2017
Rusche College of Business, Outstanding Intellectual Contribution Award, 2016
Dept. of Economics and Finance, Teaching Innovation Award, 2014
COB Nomination for SFA Foundation Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching, 2012
Rusche College of Business, Teaching Innovation Award, 2012
Dept. of Economics and Finance, Teaching Excellence Award, 2012
Dept. of Economics and Finance, Nomination for COB Service Award, 2012
Phi Alpha Kappa, Outstanding Professor Award, 2011

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental Economics, Health Economics, Political Economy, Industrial Organization, Economic Education

EMPLOYMENT

Stephen F. Austin State University, 2007 - present
Associate Professor of Economics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Stephen F. Austin State University
Applied Statistics, Environmental Economics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, Public Finance

University of Kentucky
Applied Statistics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics

EXTERNAL FUNDS

Private Grant/Gift for $9,140 ($2,500 in scholarships) for economics reading group, 2017
Private Grant/Gift for $8,600 ($2,500 in scholarships) for economics reading group, 2016
Private Grant/Gift for $8,000 ($2,375 in scholarships) for economics reading group, 2015
Private Grant/Gift for $8,500 ($2,375 in scholarships) for economics reading group, 2014
Private Grant for $5,000 ($3,375 in scholarships) for economics reading group, 2013
Private Grant for $7,600 ($2,375 in scholarships) for economics reading group, 2012
Private Grant for $7,000 ($2,375 in scholarships) for economics reading group, 2011

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Cseh, A., Koford, B. & Phelps, R. "Hospital Utilization and Universal Health Insurance Coverage: Evidence from the Massachusetts Health Care Reform Act" *Applied Health Economics and Health Policy*, Vol. 13, pp. 627-635, 2015.

Phelps, R. "An Empirical Investigation into the Local Decision to Ban Smoking" *Journal of Applied Economics and Policy*, Vol. 31, pp. 35-53, 2012.

Giudici, E., Phelps, R. & Calafiore, P. "An Excel Tool for Teaching the Central Limit Theorem to Undergraduate Business Students" *Journal of Information Systems Technology and Planning*, Ed.13, Vol. 5, 2012.

Foran, H. M. & Phelps, R. "Psychological, Physical, and Economic Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence" In Foran, H. M., Beach, S.R.H., Heyman, R. E., & Slep, A. M.S. (Eds.) Family Problems and Family Violence: Reliable Assessment and the ICD-11, 2012.

Phelps, R. & Cseh, A. "Bringing Economic Data to Life in the Classroom" *Journal of Economics and Economic Education Research*, pp. 3-18, 2010.

PRESENTATIONS

Intellect Base International Consortium Conference, Nashville, TN, May 2015, "Do Leveraged ETFs Exhibit Consistent Performance in Up and Down Markets? The Case of the Ultra-DOW"

University of Kentucky Economics Teaching Workshop, Lexington, KY, April 2015, "Breaking the Ice: Using Forced Choice to Reduce Collusion in Group Project Peer Evaluations"

University of Kentucky Economics Teaching Workshop, Lexington, KY, April 2013, "Look Mom - No Coding: An Active Learning Solution for Understanding Sampling Distributions"

Intellect Base International Consortium Meeting, San Antonio, TX, April 2012, "Visual Basic Tool for Demonstrating the Statistical Properties of the Sampling Distribution of the Sample Mean"

Stephen F. Austin State University, Conference on High Impact Practices, Nacogdoches, TX, April 2012, "Improvements in Method"

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2010, "The Local Decision to Ban Smoking"

Annual Gulf Coast Economics Teaching Conference, San Antonio, TX, November 2008, "Using Gapminder for Time Series Macroeconomic Data in the Classroom"

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Member, American Economic Association, present
Member, Southern Economic Association, present
Reviewer, Portions of 3d ed. Jaggia/Kelly: Business Statistics digital content, 2017
Reviewer, Portions of 21st ed. of McConnell/Brue/Flynn, 2017
Reviewer, Portions of 5th ed. of Hubbard/O'Brien with digital content, 2017
Reviewer, Portions of 1st ed. of Asarta/Butters Digital Course, 2016
Reviewer, Portions of 1st ed. of Asarta/Butters Digital Course, 2015
Reviewer, Portions of 19th ed. of McConnell/Brue/Flynn, 2011
Member, Academy for Economics and Economic Education, 2009-2010
Member, Gulf Coast Economics Association, 2007-2009
Referee, Southern Economic Journal, 2008
Referee, Southern Economic Journal, 2007

SERVICE

Committee Work

Course Coordinator, applied statistics, 2017 - present
COB representative for undergraduate research committee, 2017 - present
Member, University task force envisioning undergraduate research center, 2017 – present
Member, curriculum and assurance of learning committee, 2015 – present
Creator and Director, economics reading group, 2011 - present
COB Assessment Coordinator, 2012 - 2016
Member, accreditation steering committee, 2012 - 2015
Chairperson, COB undergraduate assurance of learning committee, 2012 - 2015
Member, undergraduate assurance of learning committee, 2010 - 2012
Chairperson, Beta Gamma Sigma committee, 2011 - 2012
Course Coordinator, Principles of Macroeconomics, 2009 - 2012
Member, University service learning advisory board, 2011 - 2012
Member, COB strategic planning committee, 2011 - 2012
Member, COB faculty awards committee, 2010 - 2012
Member, University core curriculum assessment committee, 2009 - 2011
Member, COB graduate council, 2008 - 2010
Member, University graduate council, 2008 – 2009

Service to Community

Cub Scout Pack 100: Treasurer, 2017
Boy Scouts of America Five Rivers District: Officer Nomination Committee, 2017
Nacogdoches Youth Soccer Association: Soccer Coach, 2015

Miscellaneous Student Engagement

GenJacks Success Coach: personal mentoring for first generation college student, 2017
Panelist: Snack Pack Debate: Presidential Election Panel (111 contact hours), 2016
Department: Economics Reading Group (914 contact hours), 2011-Present
Economics at the Movies: *Living on One Dollar* screening (110 contact hours), 2015
Economics at the Movies: *Freakonomics* screening (96.3 contact hours), 2014
Economics at the Movies: *ESPN 30 for 30 Broke* (263 contact hours), 2013
Economics at the Movies: *Waiting for Superman* screening (111 contact hours), 2012
Economics at the Movies: *Freakonomics* screening (116 contact hours), 2011

TEACHING INNOVATIONS

SFA Student Video Response Contest: Funded by the SFA Student Success Center, 2017

- Students summarized and responded to four scheduled readings on grit
- Winner earned a $1,000.00 Scholarship
- Judged by the COB Student Advisory Committee
- Judged on professionalism, content, and entertainment value

In-Class Videos: Live capture of course content delivery using Panopto. All instructional content, student questions, and feedback are available for online students, 2017

- Makes online courses as close as possible to a face-to-face course
- Tracks student utilization

Applied Statistics Course Redesign: Redefined course to utilize Excel as a computation tool, 2016

- Student performance increased on conceptual skills as well as calculations
- Students report using the content after class
- Class is more active and engaging

Building Sampling Distributions: A hands on Excel-driven tool for learning about sampling distributions, 2012

- http://faculty.sfasu.edu/phelpsrt/building_sampling_distributions/
- Coauthored with Emiliano Giudici and William Long
- Impact: 6,978 hits as of 11/2017

YouTube Channel (DrRyanPhelps): Videos about basic statistics operations in Excel, 2012

- https://www.youtube.com/user/DrRyanPhelps
- Impact: 34,655 views (101,277 minutes) as of 2/2018

Cumulative Roll: Method for Increasing Attendance, 2009

- Improved class attendance without attendance points
- Improved student course grades

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

Training

SFA: Success Coach Training: Student coping skills and active interview skills, 2017
SFA: Online Teaching Certification, 2017
SFA: Mentored Undergraduate Research Faculty Learning Community, 2011-2012

Internal Grants

$765.19 High-Impact Implementation Award, 2012
$1,111.04 Faculty Development Grant, 2008
$1,095.79 Faculty Development Grant, 2007

Workshop Attendance

University of Kentucky Economics Teaching Workshop, 2017
Cengage DIGinECON Boston, 2017
McGraw-Hill Education Teaching Without Limits Summit: Business Statistics, 2017
O'Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom 2016 Annual Conference, 2016
University of Kentucky Economics Teaching Workshop, 2015
SFA Workshop: The Formal Process of Reviewing Assessment Reporting, 2014
AACSB Webinar: Best Practices in Assurance of Learning, 2014
University of Kentucky Economics Teaching Workshop, 2013
SFA Webinar: "Why Service Learning? Why now?", 2011
Webinar: "Using Multiple Choice Tests for Assessment Purposes", 2010
SFA Webinar: "Best Practices in Core Assessment", 2009
Webinar: "Summarizing and Using Assessment Results", 2009
Webinar: "Principles and Profiles of Good Practice in Assessment", 2009
Fourth Annual Gulf Coast Economic Teaching Conference, 2008
Southern Economic Association Conference, 2007
Third Annual Gulf Coast Economic Teaching Conference, 2007
University of Kentucky Economics Teaching Workshop, 2007

Seminars

Harvard Cengage Economics Teaching Seminar, 2017
AACSB: Enhancing and Measuring Impact Forum, 2015
14th Annual Texas A&M Assessment Conference, 2014
AACSB: Applied Assessment Seminar, 2012
Beta Gamma Sigma: Collegiate Chapter Training Seminar, 2012

SPONSORED STUDENT RESEARCH OUTCOMES

Voted Best Undergraduate Research in the College of Business

- R. Miller, "The Impact of Demographics on Aggravated Assault in Texas Cities", 2017.
- A. Falcon and M. Fleck, "How Does SFA's Student Investment Roundtable Fund Stack Up Against National Competitors?", 2012.
- B. Jett, "Infant Mortality", 2010.
- R. Lackey, "Aggravated Assault Rates in Texas", 2009.

Poster Presentations at the SFA Undergraduate Research Conference

- A. Reece, "Support of Campus Carry at Stephen F. Austin State University", 2016.
- A. Broomfield, "Perceptions of Campus Safety at Stephen F. Austin State University", 2015.
- H. Morehead, "Analysis of Accounting Wages within the Largest Cities of Texas", 2015.
- O. Adebayo, "Does the Ultra-DOW (DDM) Accurately Perform According to The Objective Stated in its Prospectus?", 2015.
- K. Windham, "Determining the Price of Real Estate In the Nacogdoches Area", 2014.
- J. Miller, "Professor Salaries at Stephen F. Austin State University", 2013.
- J. Zhang, "Stephen F. Austin State University Student GPA Study", 2012.
- J. Rodriguez, "Understanding Student GPA", 2012.
- M. Lovett, "Apartment Rental Prices in Dallas", 2012.
- D. Hernandez and U. Luna, "Examining the Student Investment Roundtable Fund's Returns", 2011.
- J. Jones, "Default Rate on Auto Loans", 2011.
- L. Edemeade, K. Leach & J. Smith, "Professor Salary", 2011.
- A. Sangang, "Education Decentralization and Gender Disparities in School Participation in Sub-Saharan Africa", 2011.
- T. Bishop, J. McFarland & B. Rodgers, "What Makes SFA Students Happy?", 2009.

Presented at Lone Star College-Kingwood Student Research Conference

A. Reece "Support of Campus Carry at Stephen F. Austin State University", 2016.

Published in Review of Management Innovation and Creativity

O. Adebayo, E. Giudici & Phelps, R. "Do Leveraged ETFs Exhibit Consistent Performance in Up and Down Markets? The Case of the Ultra-DOW", 2015.

Invited to Present to the Board of Commercial Bank of Texas

K. Windham, "Determining the Price of Real Estate In the Nacogdoches Area", 2014.

Poster at the Economics Scholars Program at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

D. Hernandez and U. Luna, "Examining the Student Investment Roundtable Fund's Returns", 2011.

Best Undergraduate Paper at the 37th Federation of Business Disciplines Annual Conference, Southwest Decision Sciences Institute

A. Sangang, "Education Decentralization and Gender Disparities in School Participation in Sub-Saharan Africa", 2011.

REFERENCES

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